



## West Des Moines Human Services HANDYMAN GUIDELINES

West Des Moines Human Services' Handyman Program was developed to provide assistance to low-income seniors and disabled persons who wish to remain in their homes but do not have the capability to mow their lawn or remove their snow due to physical constraints. To be eligible to receive these services, individuals must verify that their income is at or below 185% of federal poverty guidelines, and fit within the following parameters:

1. Individuals must be at least 70 years of age **OR** have a disability (verified by a physician) that impedes their ability to cut the grass or remove the snow.
2. Handyman services will only be available to households who have no other able-bodied individuals residing in the home.
3. The lot size of the property must be .35 acre or less.
4. The residence must not be a multiple dwelling unit.
5. Mow areas must be free of lawn ornamentation, debris and feces to receive this service.
6. This service will not be available to those who use a lawn service for fertilization, weed control, etc.
7. Hardship mowing or snow removal is available on a limited time basis for extraordinary circumstances such as a surgery.
8. No lawn or snow removal services are provided on weekends.
9. Snow will only be removed when a snow event measures at least 2 inches.
10. Grass or aggregate driveways will receive minimal snow removal to protect driveway and removal equipment.
11. Handyman will do a site check of your property prior to approval for these services.
12. Handyman services are not provided to a residence in which the owner or tenant is absent for more than two weeks. Please inform us if you plan to be away for an extended period.
13. The Handyman is not allowed to enter anyone's home.

**I have read and understand these guidelines:**

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print clearly)

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Please return completed form to:

West Des Moines Human Services ■ Attention: Tami Lage  
P.O. Box 65320 ■ West Des Moines, IA 50265

**\*\*\*Please call Tami Lage at 222-3664 with any questions\*\*\***